



# Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Mayor Chuck Reed  
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SUBJECT: HOTEL SUPPORTIVE  
HOUSING WITH A  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

DATE: June 13, 2014

APPROVED:

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## RECOMMENDATION

Approve an Ordinance amending Title 20 of the San José Municipal Code to permit use of Hotels and Motels for Supportive Housing with a Conditional Use Permit, with the following modifications:

1. Exclude hotel supportive housing in the prime industrial areas, including in the North San José Development Policy Area (north of Skyport), International Business Park, and the Edenvale Development Policy Area;
2. Enforce a time limit on each hotel supportive housing use not to exceed 10 years;
3. Return to Council with a progress report within 18-months of the start of the first leases; and,
4. The Ordinance shall have a sunset provision of 2026.

## BACKGROUND

Under this proposed ordinance, a non-profit provider could obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the transitional, incidental and provisional use of hotels and motels for supportive housing. This is not intended to provide a permanent housing solution, but rather to provide a means to motivate those homeless individuals with the immediate ability to gain a level of economic self-sufficiency. While no one proposal will solve homelessness in our community, this will enable us to gain some ground on our goal to permanently house the thousands who reside on our streets, in our parks, and in our creek beds.

The Ordinance change will not undermine our strategy to halt employment land use conversion, however. This is a conditional use with an explicit 10-year sunset. The primary use will remain a commercial hotel.